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Notes and News

We have to go back a long way to find a more interesting position at the top of the Second Division table than we do before the start of this afternoon's matches, and at the time of writing it is still not easy to say who will be the two teams to win promotion to the First Division.

It may be next week before the issue is finally decided.

Luton Town are our visitors this afternoon. They head the table on goal average and this, their last game of the season, is, of course, vital to the "Hatters," for it could mean whether they win promotion or stay in the Second Division. They won their vital home game with Bristol Rovers last Wednesday and two points today would put them well in the running because they have a good goal average, too.

Our near neighbours, Rotherham United, are still favourites, with a match in hand after today's game at Port Vale.

Birmingham City, another "hot" favourite for honours, complete their programme with a visit to Belle Vue next Wednesday evening, so that it will be seen that we are to play a vital part in the destination of honours.

Our lads played well at Boothferry Park last Saturday, and thoroughly deserved the point they scored. It was a capital performance indeed with four reserve players in the team and, of course, there is the happy memory of the wonderful goal scored by Alick Jeffrey. Hull City supporters were saying after the match that they had not seen one like it for a long time.

Alick has brought further distinction to the club and to himself by being chosen for the England Amateur XI which plays France, at Brest, on May 8th, and soon afterwards he plays again for the England Youth team, against Ireland, at Watford. Congratulations to this grand little player from all of us.

Later news from Luton suggests that changes may have to be made in their team this afternoon, owing to injuries received in the match with Bristol Rovers. Any late changes will be announced over the loud-speaker.

Don't forget the last match of the season next Wednesday.

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LUTON TOWN have been one of the most consistent sides in the Second Division this season, and it is not surprising to find them amongst the clubs strongly contesting the destination of honours and to decide who shall go into the First Division.

Their manager is a well-known figure in sport—Mr. "Dally" Duncan, a great player in his day and also a highly successful manager.

Although the successes of the 'Hatters' have been due to good, all-round team work, two of their players are outstanding. I first refer to centre-half **SYD OWEN**, a great player and one who has so often barred the way down the middle to opposing centre-forwards. Syd went to Kenilworth Road from Birmingham City and has played for the F.A., an honour richly deserved. Then there is inside-right **GORDON TURNER**, in whom we are especially interested, for Gordon is the son of a former Rovers' player, Albert Turner. Gordon once played with the Doncaster and District Boys' team and there is no doubt he has made rapid strides. He was Town's leading marksman last season and is likely to occupy that position in this. He scored two of the goals against Port Vale last Saturday.

JOHN BAYNHAM has taken over for **BERNARD STRETEN** in goal, and at right back we shall probably see **LESLIE JONES** if he has recovered from a recent injury. This young Welshman has been developed into a sound, hard-tackling defender. Another grand defender is **SEAMUS DUNNE**, an Eire international who has played against Luxembourg. This stylish defender joined Luton from Shelbourne, the Eire club, in the 1951-52 season. **BUD AHERNE** is another grand full-back who has also been "capped" by Eire. He excels in excellent ball distribution. **JOHN PEMBERTON** will probably be at right-half, and on the left flank his wing-half partner may be **CHARLES WATKINS**, one of Luton's utility players who has appeared in the forward line at Belle Vue.

Another prominent member of the attack is **GEORGE CUMMINS**, who made his name with Everton and who has also played for Eire. **WALLY SHANKS** is another utility man who signed for the "Hatters" after a month's trial. He was at one time with Chelsea. Outside-right **ROY DAVIES** is a fast winger who was playing for Clyde when he was "spotted" and persuaded to go to Kenilworth Road.

We are indebted to Messrs. Chas. J. Fox Piano Co., of Doncaster, for the loan of the records played here today.

To-day's Teams

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JEFFREY 8	McMORRAN 10	
TINDILL 7	WALKER (J.) 9	WALKER (G.) 11
Linesman: W. BRIGGS (Nottingham) Blue Flag	Referee: W. CLEMENTS (West Bromwich)	Linesman: D. MARTIN (Scunthorpe) Yellow Flag
Kick-off 3-15 p.m.		
PEMBERTON 11	McEWAN 9	DAVIES 1
WATKINS 10	TURNER 8	MORTON 4
SHANKS 6	OWEN 5	DUNNE 2
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F.A. CUP	
Tindill 3	Mooney 2
Jeffrey 3	Walker (G.) 1

SECOND TEAM	
Walker (R.) 13	Walker (J.) 3
Donnelly 8	Lawlor (K.) 3
Dale 7	Nicholson 3
Ewing 5	Williams 2
King 4	Hunt 2
Jeffrey 4	Brown 1
McMorran 4	Tickle 1
Baker 3	Mooney 1
Coll 3	Rouse 1
	Tindill 1

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE

Donnelly 12	Church 1
Baker 9	Bromhill 1
King 4	Burgess 1
Southwick 4	Browning 1
Sykes 3	Cade 1
Wolsey 2	Wood 1
Williams(D)2	Evans 1
Clayton 3	Albans 1

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Clayton 11	Browning 2
Connolly 6	Wood 2
Albans 6	Williams (D.) 1
Jeffrey 3	Summerville 1
Scott 3	Claxton 1
Cade 3	Emmerson 1

LEAGUE TABLES

	SECOND DIVISION						Goals	
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts	
Luton Town	41	22	8	11	85	53	52	
Stoke City	41	21	10	10	69	44	52	
Rotherham Utd.	40	24	4	12	88	62	52	
Birmingham City	40	21	9	10	85	44	51	
Leeds United	41	22	7	12	67	52	51	
Blackburn Rovers	41	22	5	14	113	78	49	
Notte County	41	20	6	15	72	70	46	
West Ham Utd.	40	18	9	13	73	68	45	
Bristol Rovers	41	19	6	16	73	63	44	
Swansea Town	41	19	9	16	83	81	41	
Liverpool	40	16	9	15	89	88	41	
Middlesbrough	41	18	5	18	71	80	41	
Bury	41	15	10	16	76	71	40	
Fulham	41	14	11	16	75	76	39	
Nottm. Forest	40	16	6	18	55	58	38	
Doncaster Rovers	40	14	7	19	57	87	35	
Lincoln City	40	12	10	18	67	78	34	
Hull City	41	12	10	19	44	66	34	
Port Vale	40	10	11	19	46	71	31	
Plymouth Argyle	41	11	7	23	55	82	29	
Ipswich Town	41	11	6	24	56	90	28	
Derby County	41	6	9	26	50	82	21	

MIDLAND LEAGUE

	MIDLAND LEAGUE						Goals	
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts	
Rotherham Utd.	45	28	7	10	98	54	63	
Notts County	43	24	11	8	123	59	59	
Peterborough U.	42	21	15	6	81	55	57	
Hull City	43	24	8	11	96	56	56	
King's Lynn	43	23	8	12	108	79	54	
Boston United	43	22	9	12	92	46	55	
Nottm. Forest	45	21	9	15	103	75	51	
Scunthorpe Utd.	45	19	11	15	80	68	49	
Grantham	44	18	12	14	80	65	48	
Gainsborough T.	45	21	6	16	79	71	48	
Bradford (P.A.)	44	19	9	16	85	67	47	
Corby Town	43	16	13	14	72	78	45	
Lincoln City	42	17	10	15	84	78	44	
Worksop Town	42	17	9	16	78	72	43	
Doncaster Rovers	44	16	10	18	69	76	42	
Grimsby Town	45	16	9	20	89	96	41	
Goole Town	45	16	8	19	92	103	40	
Mensfield Town	45	12	10	23	78	102	34	
Scarborough	42	12	8	22	60	106	32	
York City	43	11	10	22	72	103	32	
Wisbech Town	42	10	8	25	64	108	28	
Denaby United	43	10	7	27	59	117	27	
Frickley Colliery	44	10	7	27	59	117	27	
Bradford City	43	7	4	32	47	133	18	

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Half-time Score Board

FIRST DIVISION

- A Aston Villa v Manchester C
- B Blackpool v Sheffield Utd
- C Bolton Wanderers v Burnley
- D Cardiff City v Wolves
- E Charlton A v Preston NE
- F Huddersfield T v Leicester
- G Manchester Utd v Chelsea
- H Portsmouth v Arsenal
- I Sheffield Wed v West Brom
- J Sunderland v Everton
- K Tottenham H v Newcastle U

SECOND DIVISION

- L Blackburn Rovers v Bury
- M Bristol Rov v Middlesbro'
- N Derby Co v Hull City
- O Fulham v Leeds United
- P Liverpool v Birmingham C
- Q Notts County v Ipswich T
- R Plymouth A v Stoke City
- S Port Vale v Rotherham Utd
- T Swansea T v Nottingham F

THIRD DIVISION--NORTHERN

- U Tranmere Rov v York City
- V Carlisle Utd v Scunthorpe U
- W Chester v Barnsley
- X Chesterfield v Accrington S

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SECOND DIVISION FIXTURE LIST

1954	Opponents	Ground	F. A.
Aug. 21	Liverpool	Away	2-3
25	Swansea Town	Home	2-1
28	Bristol Rovers	Home	2-2
Sept. 2	Swansea Town	Away	0-3
4	Plymouth Argyle	Away	2-1
8	Fulham	Away	2-5
15	Fulham	Home	4-0
18	Rotherham United	Away	3-2
25	Derby County	Away	0-5
27	Port Vale	Home	1-0
Oct. 2	West Ham United	Home	2-1
9	Bury	Home	1-0
16	Lincoln City	Away	1-5
30	Ipswich Town	Away	1-5
Nov. 6	Nottingham Forest	Home	0-3
13	Leeds United	Away	0-1
27	Middlesbrough	Away	1-3
Dec. 4	Hull City	Home	2-2
11	Luton Town	Away	0-3
18	Liverpool	Home	4-1
25	Blackburn Rovers	Home	1-3
27	Blackburn Rovers	Away	2-7
1955			
Jan. 1	Bristol Rovers	Away	0-1
8	F.A. CUP—3rd Round—Watford	Away	2-1
15	Plymouth Argyle	Home	3-2
22	Port Vale	Away	1-1
29	F.A. Cup—4th Round—Aston Villa	Home	0-0
Feb. 2	F.A. Cup—4th Round Replay— Aston Villa	Away	2-2
5	Rotherham United	Home	0-4
7	F.A. Cup—4th Round Second Replay Aston Villa, at Maine Road, Manchester	Home	1-1
12	Derby County	Home	2-0
14	F.A. Cup—4th Round Third Replay At Hillsborough	Home	0-0
15	F.A. Cup—4th Round, Fourth Replay— At The Hawthorns, West Bromwich	Home	3-1
19	F.A. Cup—5th Rd.—Birmingham	Away	1-2
24	West Ham United	Away	1-0
26	Bury	Away	4-1
Mar. 5	Lincoln City	Home	1-1
16	Birmingham City	Away	1-4
19	Ipswich Town	Home	1-1
26	Nottingham Forest	Away	1-3
April 2	Leeds United	Home	0-1
8	Notts County	Home	4-2
9	Stoke City	Away	0-3
11	Notts County	Away	0-4
16	Middlesbrough	Home	3-1
20	Stoke City	Home	1-1
23	Hull City	Away	1-1
30	Luton Town	Home	...
May 4	Birmingham City	Home	...

Supporters' Club Notes

Supporters will be disappointed, as well as Club Managements, that no Entertainment Tax reduction has been made in the Budget. The Board have therefore decided that Season Tickets will cost the same as last year, namely, Main Stand £5/0/8; North Stand £3/10/3. Members can pay by weekly instalments throughout the summer through the Supporters' Club.

Although the Annual Meeting of the Supporters' Club will not be held until late June, membership commences on the 1st May for Season 1955-56. Can we have the pleasure of enrolling you again? Call at our office on the Ground or at Headquarters on Friday evenings.

The Auxiliary Supporters' Club Football Pool is steadily growing and we are most anxious to enrol more. Don't forget it runs throughout the summer on Australian soccer. Our friends at Lincoln have just started a similar pool, but at Boston a new pool has a membership of over 25,000. Come on, Doncaster!

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	23—Grimsby Town	Home	0-0
Sept. 1	Grimsby Town	Away	1-0
	4—Gainsborough Trinity	Home	3-0
	8—Scarborough	Away	1-1
	11—Worksop Town	Away	1-0
	16—Scarborough	Home	3-1
	18—Rotherham United	Home	0-1
	21—Frickley Colliery	Away	2-3
Oct. 2	Bradford	Away	0-3
	9—Bradford City	Away	2-2
	16—Lincoln City	Home	3-0
	23—Hull City	Away	1-3
	30—Boston United	Home	3-6
Nov. 6	Kings Lynn	Away	1-3
	13—Nottingham Forest	Home	2-0
	20—Peterborough United	Away	1-3
	27—Goole Town	Home	0-1
Dec. 4	York City	Away	7-3
	11—Mansfield Town	Home	1-1
	18—Wisbech Town	Away	1-2
	25—Scunthorpe United	Away	0-1
	27—Scunthorpe United	Home	1-1
1955			
Jan. 1	Grantham	Home	2-2
	8—Corby Town	Away	1-3
	15—Gainsborough Trinity	Away	2-1
	22—Worksop Town	Home	0-0
Feb. 5	Rotherham United	Away	0-6
	12—Denaby United	Away	2-1
	19—Bradford	Home	1-1
Mar. 15	Denaby United	Home	3-1
	19—Boston United	Away	0-2
	22—Frickley Colliery	Home	2-1
	26—Kings Lynn	Home	0-2
	29—Hull City	Home	4-2
April 2	Nottingham Forest	Away	1-1
	8—Notts County	Away	2-5
	9—Peterborough United	Home	0-1
	11—Notts County	Home	1-3
	14—Corby Town	Home	2-0
	16—Goole Town	Away	4-3
	18—Lincoln City	Away	1-3
	23—York City	Home	3-1
	25—Grantham	Away	1-1
	30—Mansfield Town	Away	...
May 2	Bradford City	Home	...

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